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Applicant

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Method and Apparatus for Producing Lightweight Solidified Material, Pipe-Type Mixer Apparatus, Apparatus for Producing

Solidifying Material, and Gravity Adjusting Apparatus

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 August 16, 2004

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Sir:

Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the amended claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.